



Example Projects

TREE COMMITTEE - MARCH 27, 2024

YORK STREET



SHAWSHEEN
DINER

BALMORAL

HISTORIC
SHAWSHEEN
NEIGHBORHOOD
(tree canopy in
decline)

SHAWSHEEN RIVER
NORTH MAIN STREET

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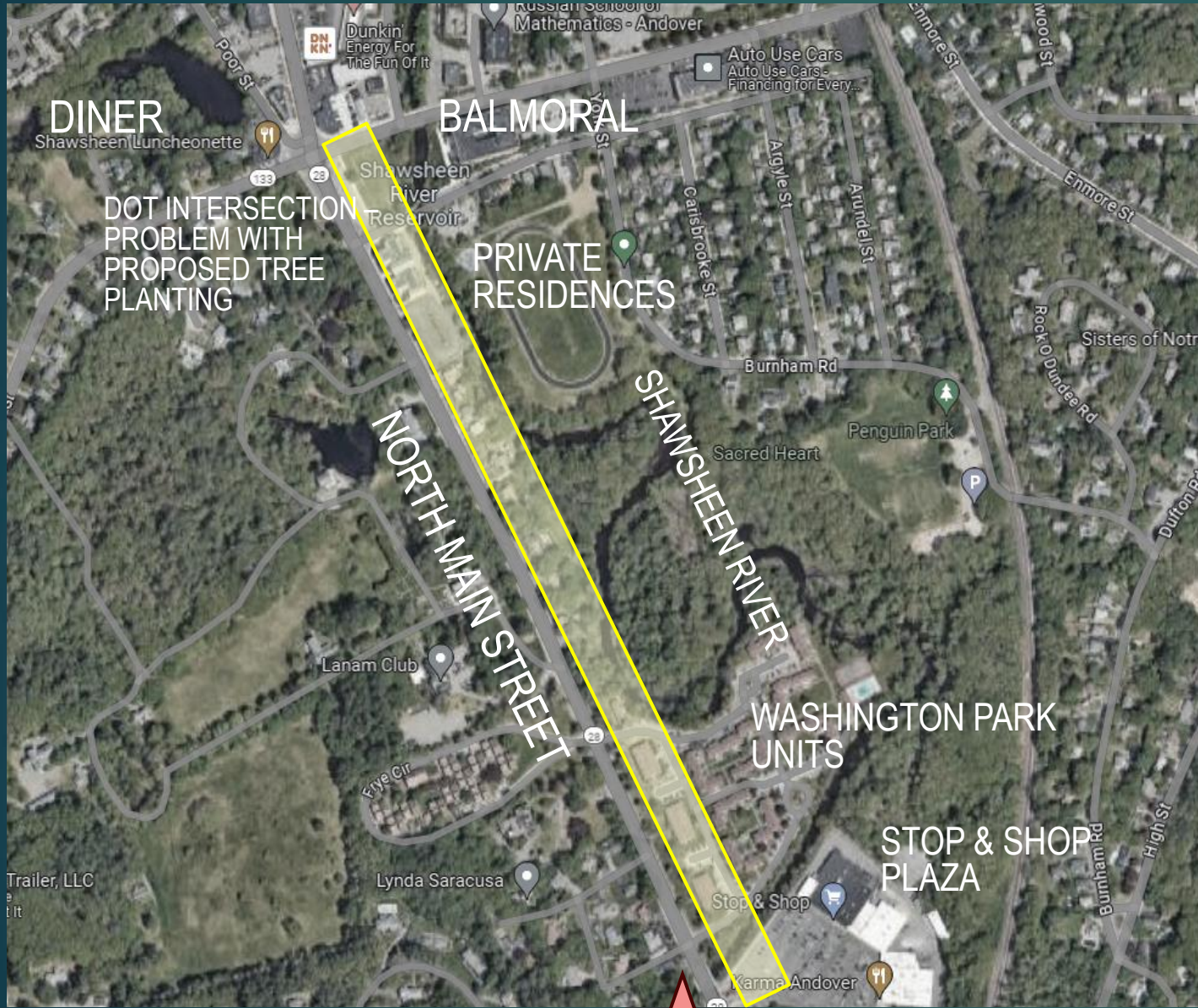
YORK STREET



- Trees planted too close to sidewalk
- Tree canopies too close to wires
- Better to plant on park side of fence
- Damage to trunks with sidewalk renovation
- Trees in poor condition continuing to Haverhill Street – not providing ecosystem services for Balmoral parking lot or street
- Opportunities to plant on town-owned land to enhance public space and residential street in historic neighborhood –
- educate public and demonstrate benefits of future plantings in private front yards – better tree health when tree given proper growing environment



NORTH MAIN STREET



- East side of Main Street lacking healthy tree canopy – gateway potential
- Opportunities to work with/educate:
 - private property owners
 - commercial building owners
 - housing development owners and their landscape contractors
- Riparian buffer expansion possible along Shawsheen River
- *Star symbol denotes location of veteran American Sycamore tree probably 200 years old – should be preserved and protected



NORTH MAIN STREET



Tree canopy in poor condition, not mitigating parking lot or providing gateway for town



Pockets of denser tree areas – work to protect, enhance, provide riparian buffer to Shawsheen River




Washington Park trees in very poor condition, mulch volcanoes, landscape practices could be much improved



Opportunities to enhance riparian buffer for Shawsheen River near Stop & Shop plaza

NORTH MAIN STREET



American Sycamore tree, indicative of wetter  habitat/Shawsheen River – old tree should be preserved and protected

NORTH MAIN STREET



Riparian buffer planting would improve aesthetics, connection with history, sense of place, biodiversity, traffic calming

Could start new sycamore trees from seeds of veteran tree to continue genetic diversity and legacy

MAIN STREET



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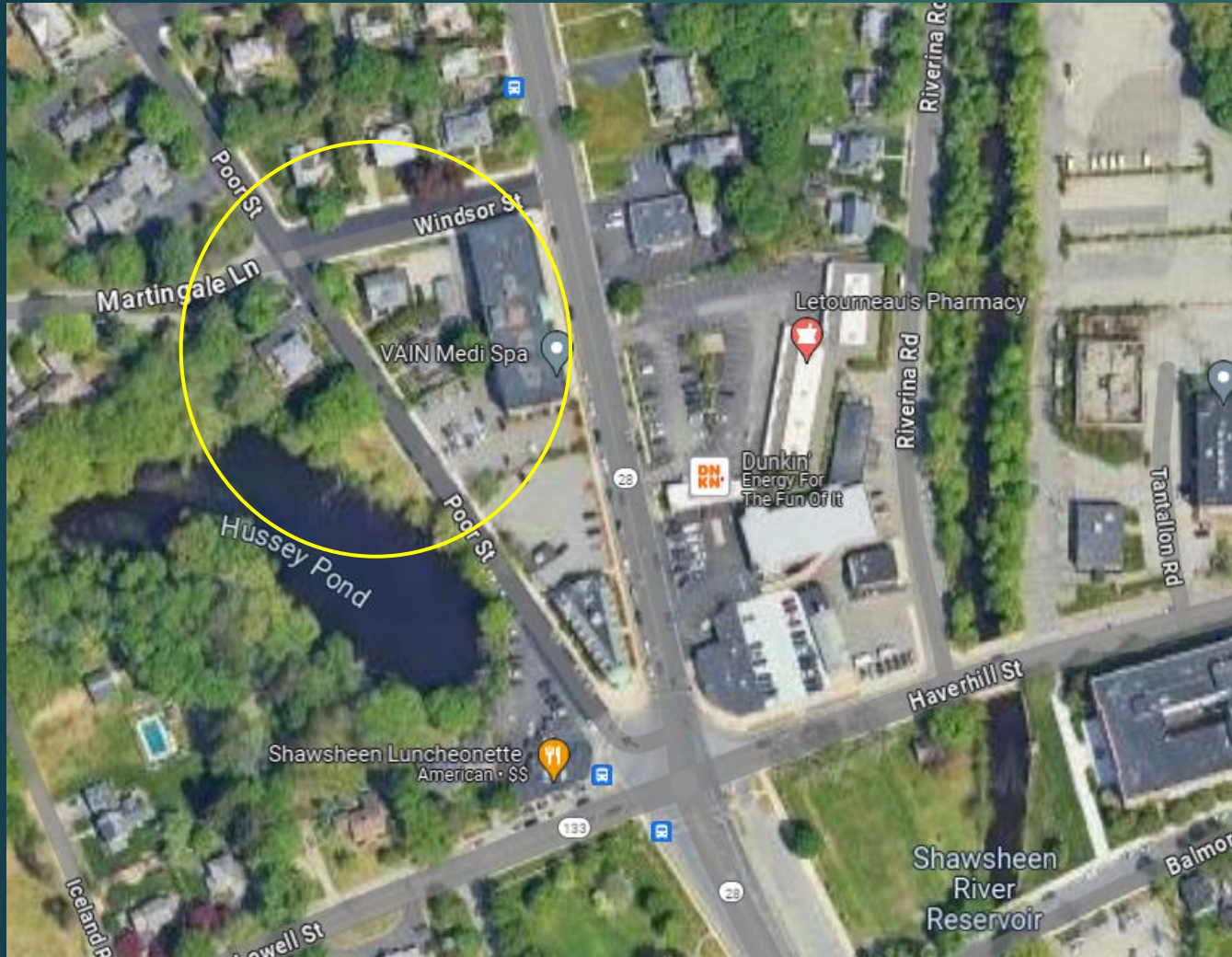


No parked cars here, no businesses, no reason to have individual trees in grates – old fashioned approach

Create connected strip of soil for all the trees, better for tree health

Good demonstration project

SIDE STREETS EXAMPLE



Potential for Trees to be planted in open space at Hussey Pond – benefit pond and Poor Street

Poor Street trees planted in thin strip – room instead at Hussey pond and on other side of sidewalk with neighborhood education